

BUSINESS AGENCIES IN FIGHT FOR LIFE AGAINST NEW BILL

Measure Introduced at Albany
for Revenge Arouses Wide-
spread Opposition.

HITS WHOLESALERS TOO

Requires License and Bond to
Furnish Information of Cust-
omers' Rating.

Business men and wholesalers in particular are greatly interested in a bill introduced by Senator Stillwell of the Bronx, now pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee, which, if passed, will legislate commercial agencies out of existence. Robert M. Harding, general manager of Bradstreet's, who attended a hearing on the bill in Albany yesterday, said to an Evening World reporter today:

"When the workings of the bill are thoroughly understood I think there will be a protest that must have effect. It developed yesterday that the bill was introduced by Senator Stillwell at the request of C. H. Unvegant, who admitted that through the workings of commercial agencies he was put out of business in Baltimore a number of years ago. He has also been imprisoned for conducting fraudulent concerns. He was the only supporter of the measure, and he made it plain he was seeking revenge. Unvegant two years ago had a similar bill introduced in the Maryland Legislature, but was unable to secure its passage."

Dispatches from Albany state that Unvegant admitted that the Postoffice Department issued a fraud order against him in Baltimore twenty-eight years ago and that about fourteen years ago he was indicted in this State at the instigation of the State Banking Department, but the indictment was dropped. Joseph Auerbach, representing Bradstreet's, showed the Senate Judiciary Committee that Unvegant had been convicted and sentenced to twelve months in jail and a fine of \$50 for business irregularities.

Requires License and Bond.

"The bill requires the licensing of all commercial agencies by the State Comptroller and the giving of a bond," continued Mr. Harding. "It would prohibit a wholesaler from furnishing information about his customers to another wholesaler without first securing a license, for which he would have to pay \$500, besides furnishing a bond of \$5,000. One of the practices of merchants for protection's sake would thus be made a misdemeanor. A merchant who told another about a customer would, in the meaning of the law, be a commercial agency."

"Commercial agencies have proven themselves to be indispensable, for under the credit system, a man in New York is able to do business with one in Waco, Tex., with confidence, knowing the rating of his customer as furnished by a commercial agency."

The bill requires persons or corporations conducting mercantile agencies to take out licenses and furnish bonds for each branch as well as for the main office.

No Monopoly of Business.

"We oppose that provision because we are not enjoying any privilege or franchise from the State," said Mr. Harding. "The business is not monopolized, for it is carried on by a large number of individuals as well as corporations, and there is no more justification in licensing it than any other trade."

"We feel that it is not just for the State Comptroller to have access to our books, as the bill provides, because our business with clients is strictly confidential. As for a bond, I do not know any commercial agency of high character that has not ample assets to offset any judgment found against it."

One provision of the bill forbids agencies from furnishing information except in writing, signed by an officer or authorized employee of the agency. This would put an end to verbal reports in the office or the transmission of reports by telephone or telegraph.

Rivals Could Get Secrets.

Another provision compels agencies to do business with anybody who insists upon employing them. This is objected to on the ground that rival agencies could become subscribers and secure

SINGER'S CHILD WHO SAILS TO STUDY IN PARIS.



RUTH S. LORRAINE.

Ruth S. Lorraine, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Alice Lorraine, who has been making a big reputation for herself in Europe in grand opera, sailed today on the North German Lloyd Line steamship Cleveland to join her mother on the other side. Travelling alone, she will have a seat of honor at the captain's table.

Miss Lorraine was recently graduated from the Los Angeles High School. She will spend a year in the new school department of the Sorbonne in Paris before returning to California to enter Stanford University.

Miss Lorraine said she had heard from her mother that she had met with great success in her singing at The Hague, Madrid and other European cities. She sings to-day in Monte Carlo.

Mrs. Lorraine has been training under famous singing teachers on the Continent since 1902.

New Hippodrome Director.

Carroll Fleming, who has been associated with the New York Hippodrome in the capacity of writer of dramatic spectacles, has been appointed to the position of general stage director. "The Raiders," a feature of the first production in the big playhouse, "Pioneer Days," of a few seasons past, and the current play, "Marching Through Georgia," are among his works.

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Largely Increased Number of
Arrests Due, Officials Say,
to First Fine Weather.

There is no surer sign of the coming

of spring in New York, according to Chief Clerk Ernest K. Coulter of the Children's Court, than the greatly increased number of cases before that tribunal in the last few days. Justice Hoyt sat until 5 o'clock in the afternoon yesterday and had ninety cases before him. The calendar today showed eighty cases. There are about fifty cases in an average day in the Children's Court.

"We are always busy in the spring-

time," said Mr. Coulter today. "I have

never known it to fall that the first real

bright days drive out the pent-up spir-

its of the youngsters and their energies

break out in all sorts of ways. We

have any number of cases of boys be-

lieving arrested for trouble that follows

the efforts of the police to stop ball-

playing in the streets, and the park po-

lice have their hands full. We had

a boy here today for trying to break

into the American League Baseball

Park, and lots of them are brought in

for 'sassing' policemen when they're

told to move on.

"Lack of playgrounds is one of the

chief causes," he continued, "and this

same congestion that they are trying

to remedy by legislation up in Albany.

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of this city the people are herded at

the rate of 100 to an acre? And this

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